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Riverman

By STEWART

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(Concluded.)

"Then you acknowledge it?"
"Why shouldn't 12" Newmark laugh

d. "Of course Heinzman blabbed."

Orde balf sat on the arm of his

"Now, I'll tell you what we will do

in this matter," said be crisply,
"We'll follow," said Newmark, "the

original program, as laid down by my-self. I'm tired of dealing with blun-

dering fools. Heinzman's mortgage will

be foreclosed, and you will hand over

as per the agreement your Boom co.n-

"I must say you have good nerve," e said. "You don't seem to realize

that you are pretty well tangled up. I don't know what they call it-criminal

"Nonsense," rejoined Newmark, lean-ing forward in his turn. "I know you

cure try to prosecute me? Just as

He's a bribe giver-and somewhat a

Newmark leaned back with an amus

How the devil did you get on to that?

away you'd have lost every cent you owned. And for your benefit I'll tell

you what you can easily substantlate. I forced him into this deal with me.

had this bribery case on him. What

position, his daughter's esteem."

He paused a moment to puff at his

"I'm not much used to giving ad-vice," he went on, "least of all when it is at all likely to be taken. But I'll

offer you some. Throw Heinzman over.

Let him go to the pen. He's been crooked and a fool."

Exactly that. You owe nothing to Heinzman, but something to what you

would probably call repentance, but

what is in reality a mawkish senti-mentality of weakness. However, I

know you, Jack Orde, from top to bot-tom, and I know you're fool enough not to do it. I'm so sure of it that I

dare put it to you straight. You could

never bring yourself to the point of de-stroying a man who had sacrificed him-

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figured out," said Orde with

settle this thing. The fact remains that the firm owes a note to Heinzman which

it cannot pay. You owe a note to the

firm which you eannot pay. All this

may be slightly irregular, but for private reasons you do not care to make

public the irregularity. Am I right so fary'

"You might hear the other side," in

terrupted Orde. "In the first place," said he, producing a bundle of papers

"I have the note and the mortgages it

"Well," said the other, "let's

"That's what you'd do?"

self for you."

pany stock."
Orde stared at him in amazement

be said.

"How the devil did you get on that?" cried Newmark, startled.

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you," Orde pointed out.
"There is Canada for me. He tray els with heavier baggage. "You'd lose everything."
"Not quite," smiled Newmark. "And, as usual, you are forgerflug the per-Will do it

sonal equation. Helozman is-Heloz-man. And I am I." "Then I suppose this affidavit from Heinzman as to the details of all thin is useless for the same reason?" Newmark's thin this parted.

"Correct." said be. "But you're ready to compromise be-

low the face of the note?"

Newmark hesitated.
"Yes," said he, "hecause I know you

well enough to realize that there is a point where your loyany to Heinzman would step aside in favor of your loy-"And you think you know where

that point is?"
"It's the basis of my compromise

"It's the nasis of my compromise."
Orde laughed.
"The worst of it is I believe you're right," said he at last. "You have the thing sized up, and there isn't a flaw in your reasoning. I always said that you were the brains of this concern. or the part of the state of the

of his brain to run back over all the elements of the game he was playing.
"What is it?" asked Newmark at

"Heinzman died of smallpox at o'clock this afternoon," said Orde. Newmark's face went slowly gray.

Where are you going?" asked Orde quietly.

"I'm going to get myself a drink in my bedroom," he snapped, "Auy ob jections?"

"No. After you get your drink I want to talk to you."

Newmark snarted at him: "You needn't be afraid I'll run away. How'd

I get out of town?"

Orde looked thoughtfully at Heinzman's affidavit, which, daily disinfected. had been handed him by Dr. McMullen as important. Then he arms to his feet and glided softly across the room to take a position close to the door through which Newmark had departed. Finally the door swung briskly inward. Like a panther Orde sprang forward. He pinloned Newmark's arms to his side, where he held them immovable with one of his own. The other hand he ran down Newmark's right arm to the pocket. There followed an instant of resistance. With a sharp cry of pain Newmark snatched his hand out and gazed amazedly at the half crushed fingers. Orde drew forth the re-volver Newmark had grasped in the coat pocket. He spilled out the car-tridges and tossed the empty weapon to Newmark.

"There's your plaything," said be. "So you wanted that amdaylt, did

He paused "I don't need to tell you that I've got you," said he finally, "nor what I think of you. I can send you over the road for the best part of your natural days; also I've got these notes and

the mortgage."
"Quir it." growled Newmark. "Send me up and be d—d."
"That's the question," went on Orde

"You hurt me pretty bad, Joe, a thought of you as a friend. I had a hard time getting over that part of it. We've been together a good many years now, and as near as I can make out you've been straight as a string with me for eight of them. Then I suppose the chance came and before

had the man to gain by telling you? Nothing at all. What had be to lose? Everything—his property, his social "Oh, for God's sake, drop that preaching. It makes me sick!" broke

out Newmark,
"I'm not preaching," said Orde, "and even if I were I've paid a good many thousands of dollars, it seems, to buy the right to say what I d-s please. And if you think I'm working up to s Christian forgiveness racket you're mistaken. I'm not. I don't forgive

"Well, turn me over to your sheriff and let's get through with this," said Newmark sullenly.

"Look here. Newmark, that's just I've had such a hard time to get hold al design and a chic hat completed ber costume. Mrs. Alan Bottomley what I've been coming to, just what of. I'm not going to hand you over to any sheriff. I'm going to let you off. No," he continued, in response to Newmark's look of incredulous amaze, ment, "it isn't from any fool notion of forgiveness. I told you I didn't forgivenes

Newmark, who had listened to this rambling exposition with curiosity, Lucas, Miss Harriet Young, Miss Jose broke into a laugh. phine Soper, Miss Hewlings, Miss

"You've convicted me," he said I knew you, but this passes all bo-

Orde brushed this speech aside as ir

"Our association, of course, comes to an end. There remain the terms of settlement. I could fire you out of this without a cent, and you'd have to git. without a cent, and you'd have to git.
But that wouldn't be fair. I don't give a hang for you, but it wouldn't be fair to me. Now, as for the northern peninsula timber, you have had seventy-five thousand out of that and have lent me the same amount. Call that quits. I will take up your note when it comes due had destroy the one given to Heinzman. For all your holdings in to Heinzman. For all your holdings in our common business I wil give you my note without interest and without time for \$100,000. That is not its face vaine nor anything like it, but you have caused me directly and indirectly considerable loss. I don't know how soon I can pay this note, but it will be

paid."
"All right," agreed Newmark. "Does that satisfy you?"

"I suppose it's got to."
"Very well. I have the papers here
all made out. They need simply to be signed and wirnessed. Timbuil is the nearest notary. Come." said be. In silence the two walked the block and a half to the notary's house. Finaily the papers were executed. In the street Newmark paused significantly, but Orde did not take the bint,

"Life you coming with me!" named "I am. reptied Orde. "There is one

thing more. In silence once more they returned to the shadowy low library. Newmark threw himself into the armehair. He

was one anala the coldly calculating. cynical observer. Orde turned to face "You have five days to leave town. he said crisply. "Don't ever show up here again. Let me have your address

for the payment of this note: He took two steps forward.

"You're a dirty, low fived skunk, if you think you're going to get off scat free you're mightily mistaken." Newmark half arose

What do you mean?" he asked in sonie alurni. "I mean that I'm going to give you about the worst licking you ever heard tell of," replied Orde, buttoning his

cost.

Five minutes later Orde emerged from Newmark's house, softly rubbing the palm of one hand over the knuckles of the

other. He turned on of the side street His own house by before him. He stopped, then stole forward softly until be stood looking in through the door

Carroll sat team ing against the golden faro, her strining head with

What do you mount the soft studows bent until it atmost too hed the strings, Her hands were straying felly over a -customed chards and rich mediuntlons, the plaintive half music of reverie.

Orde crept to her unboard. Gently

he clasped her. She sank back agains his breast with a happy little sigh. "Kind of fun being married, isn't it.

sweetheart?" he said.
"Kind of," she repoled, and raised her face to his.

SOCIAL NOTES

Mrs. Claude Watson's Tea. Thursday, Mrs. Claude Watso made a charming hostess at a prettily appointed tea that was given at he home on Alexander street. The tex was from 4 to 6. Mrs. Watson, as-sisted by Mrs. James Cockburn, received the guests in the drawing This dainty hostess was charmingly clad in a hand-embroider ed lingerie gown. Mrs. Cockburn also wore a French lingerie gown, and picture hat of flowers and lace completed her costume. The house was fragrant with pink roses, while palms were used effectively as a decoration A circular table was placed in the center of the cosey dining room, Hand embroidered doilles ornamented polished surface of the table. A large bowl of La France roses occupied the center of this prettily equipped table.

served coffee. Mrs. Alan Bottomley poured tea. Mrs. Hoffmann wore smart costume of blue linen with th tunic bordered in a white convention I really ought to jug you, but if Mrs. R. A. Jordan, the Misses Jordan, pose I really ought to jug you, but it Mrs. R. A. Jordan, the stisses I do I'll always carry with me the thought that I've taken it on myself to judge a man. And I don't believe to Judge and I don't believe to Jud Lange, Mrs. Coan, Mrs. Thomas Robinson Miss Cooke, Miss Blair, Miss phine Soper, Miss Hewlings, Miss Blanche Soper, and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halstead, ac companied by their children, sailed on the Sierra, May 18th, for San Francisco, their objective point being Victoria, British Columbia, They had planned to leave on the Canadian-Au stralian steamer, sailing on the 25th of the month, but owing to the large number of passengers who embarked at Sidney there was no room. This necessitates a trip overland. The Halsteads will remain during the summer and enjoy the cool summer in this northern latitude,

Mrs. Ernest Waterhouse, with her wo children, are staying at the Peninsula for several weeks. Mrs. Wa terhouse will be the hostess at a smal house party on Sunday.

Mrs. W. T. Monsarrat was a passen ger on the Sierra, which sailed for San Francisco May 18th, where she will visit for a short time before leaving for the East.

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